

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-17 and 19-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8 and 16 are amended herein.

Claims 1, 8 and 16 remain independent.

The rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 USC §101 and claims 1-22 under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Randle, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,647 B1) are addressed in the Remarks filed with the previously filed Amendment referenced above.

Claims 1, 8 and 16 are amended herein solely for clarification and in the case of claim 1 to correct an obvious editorial error, and not for purposes of patentability. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Amendment be entered.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of

this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135
(Case No. 1158.41327CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit
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